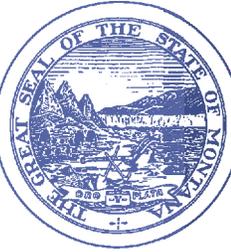


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The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) has received an easement application for an overhead distribution line upon state trust lands located in Powell County. The purpose is to grant a permanent easement to Northwestern Energy for 610 feet of overhead power line used to service several existing microwave sites located on Rocky Ridge, located in the S2 of Section 24, Township 9 North, Range 9 West. This line was installed in the 1970's, and a pole relocation project this past summer brought the lines lack of an easement to the DNRC's attention. A plat exhibit is attached with the easement highlighted.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act to assess potential impacts of proposed activities on state lands to the human and physical environment. Public comments on this project are being sought in order to complete that assessment.

Public comment will be taken through October 16, 2013. This request for public comment is also being posted on the DNRC website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/PublicInterest/Notices/Default.asp>.

Comments may be submitted by email at dboruch@mt.gov. You may also mail written comments to SWLO-DNRC, Attn: Dana Boruch 1401 27th Avenue, Missoula MT 59804.

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Easement exhibit, Northwestern Energy - Section 24 T9N R9W

